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COMMITTEE REPORT

YES:	11
NO:	0

MR. SPEAKER:

*Your Committee on Education, to which was referred House Bill 1120, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill **be amended** as follows:*

- 1 Page 3, line 13, delete "." and insert "(as defined in
- 2 **IC 20-8.1-15-6).**".
- 3 Page 3, line 36, after "(5);" reset in roman "and" .
- 4 Page 3, line 36, delete "or".
- 5 Page 4, line 41, after "(18)" insert "**Chronic absenteeism, which**
- 6 **includes the number of students who have been absent more than**
- 7 **ten (10) days from school within a school year without being**
- 8 **excused.**
- 9 **(19)".**
- 10 Page 4, after line 42, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 11 "SECTION 5. IC 20-8.1-15 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 12 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 13 JULY 1, 2003];

Chapter 15. Graduation Rate Determination

Sec. 1. This chapter applies to:

- (1) a public high school; and**
- (2) an accredited nonpublic high school.**

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "cohort" refers to a class of students within a high school who have the same expected graduation year.

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "enrollment" means the total number of students within a grade that is reported to the department annually on:

- (1) October 1; or**
- (2) a date specified by the department.**

Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "expected graduation year" means the reporting year beginning three (3) years after the reporting year in which a student is first considered by a school corporation to have entered grade 9.

Sec. 5. (a) As used in this chapter, "graduation" means the successful completion by a student of:

- (1) a sufficient number of academic credits, or the equivalent of academic credits; and**
- (2) the graduation examination or waiver process required under IC 20-10.1-16;**

resulting in the awarding of a high school diploma or an academic honors diploma.

(b) The term does not include the granting of a general educational development diploma under IC 20-10.1-12.1.

Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "graduation rate" means the percentage of students within a cohort who graduate during their expected graduation year.

Sec. 7. As used in this chapter, "reporting year" refers to the period beginning October 1 of a year and ending September 30 of the following year.

Sec. 8. As used in this chapter, "retention" refers to the reclassification by a school corporation of a student that places the student into a cohort that has an expected graduation year after the expected graduation year of the student's initial cohort.

Sec. 9. Beginning with the class of students who expect to graduate in the 2005-2006 school year, the department shall

1 determine the graduation rate of high school students under this
2 chapter.

3 **Sec. 10. The graduation rate for a cohort in a high school is the**
4 **percentage determined under STEP SEVEN of the following**
5 **formula:**

6 **STEP ONE: Determine the grade 9 enrollment at the**
7 **beginning of the reporting year three (3) years before the**
8 **reporting year for which the graduation rate is being**
9 **determined.**

10 **STEP TWO: Add:**

- 11 (A) the number determined under STEP ONE; and
- 12 (B) the number of students who:
 - 13 (i) have enrolled in the high school after the date on
 - 14 which the number determined under STEP ONE was
 - 15 determined; and
 - 16 (ii) have the same expected graduation year as the
 - 17 cohort.

18 **STEP THREE: Add:**

- 19 (A) the sum determined under STEP TWO; and
- 20 (B) the number of retained students from earlier cohorts
- 21 who became members of the cohort for whom the
- 22 graduation rate is being determined.

23 **STEP FOUR: Add:**

- 24 (A) the sum determined under STEP THREE; and
- 25 (B) the number of students who:
 - 26 (i) began the reporting year in a cohort that expects to
 - 27 graduate during a future reporting year; and
 - 28 (ii) graduate during the current reporting year.

29 **STEP FIVE: Subtract from the sum determined under STEP**
30 **FOUR the number of students who have left the cohort for**
31 **any of the following reasons:**

- 32 (A) Transfer to another public or nonpublic school.
- 33 (B) Removal by the student's parents under IC 20-8.1-3-34
- 34 to provide instruction equivalent to that given in the public
- 35 schools.
- 36 (C) Withdrawal because of a long term medical condition
- 37 or death.
- 38 (D) Detention by a law enforcement agency or the

- 1 **department of correction.**
- 2 **(E) Placement by a court order or the division of family**
- 3 **and children.**
- 4 **(F) Enrollment in a virtual school.**
- 5 **(G) Graduation before the beginning of the reporting year.**
- 6 **(H) Students who have left school and whose location**
- 7 **cannot be determined.**
- 8 **STEP SIX: Determine the total number of students who have**
- 9 **graduated during the current reporting year.**
- 10 **STEP SEVEN: Divide:**
- 11 **(A) the number determined under STEP SIX; by**
- 12 **(B) the remainder determined under STEP FIVE.".**
- 13 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
(Reference is to HB 1120 as introduced.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

Representative Porter